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Acquisition and Outsourcing WG Goals

- Stakeholders need justifiable confidence that the software that enables their core mission operations can be trusted to function as expected
- Responsibility for SwA must be shared by the Acquirer in the software supply chain
- Therefore, acquirers involved in purchasing software products or services has a responsibility to factor in SwA to minimize software risks
- The WG Objective is to publish, disseminate, and socialize information that helps acquirers apply a risk-based approach to software acquisition/outsourcing and obtain software that is more resistant to attack, has fewer vulnerabilities, and minimizes operational risks



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WG document incorporates SwA considerations throughout the acquisition process

Document has been published by National Defense University Press!!!



Software Assurance
in Acquisition:
Mitigating Risks to
the Enterprise

by Mary Linda Polydys
and Stan Wisseman



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Acquisition and Outsourcing WG Action Items

- Socialize and solicit use of document's best practice recommendations from acquisition communities
- Publish 3 Pocket Guides



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Acquisition and Outsourcing WG Expected Outcome

- Acquisition officials and suppliers will have a better understanding of software assurance issues
- Influence acquisition organizations to enhance their acquisition lifecycles to include SwA considerations.



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